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SERIAL NO: 10/519,950

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FOR:

SYSTEM, METHOD, DEVICE, AND : COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR EXTRACTION, GATHERING,

MANIPULATION, AND ANALYSIS

OF PEAK DATA FROM AN AUTOMATED SEQUENCER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.